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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed, ranging steady to barely steady with mediums in the best position. Demand was light to good with the better movement coming from resort areas and features. Supplies were sufficient to ample. Breaking stock demand was fair to moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as less than normal due to the Labor Day weekend.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed, usually ranging steady to cautiously steady entering the Labor Day weekend. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the slow demand. Next week slaughter schedules were reduced due to the holiday.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on mediums and unsettled to at best steady on larger sizes. Demand was mostly fair to occasionally good entering into the holiday weekend. Supplies were adequate to ample for needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin increased 1 cent for mediums, and were unchanged for large and small. Prices in other reported areas were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady to barely steady with mediums in the strongest position. Retail demand was in a full range, light to good, with extra orders noted for the upcoming holiday or feature activity. Food service movement was moderate to good as most resort and vacation areas prepare for the last summer weekend. Supplies were adequate with mediums and jumbo's in the shortest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Most buyers not needing additional breaking stock due to reduced holiday schedules and heavy existing floor stocks. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for large and extra large unchanged, mediums increased 1 cent. The market tone was mostly steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate, best where features are a factor. Supplies of all sizes adequate to ample.

**SOUTHERN** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending lower on the larger sizes but higher on mediums. The market tone was steady to barely steady with mediums in the strongest position. Demand was moderate entering the Labor Day weekend. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for present needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate for adequate offerings. Light type hens were fully adequate for the slow demand. Slaughter schedules for next week were reduced due to the holiday.

**WEST COAST** Prices unchanged. The market tone was mixed with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 1-2 cents lower on large, and 2-4 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate, somewhat improved to cover the long weekend. Offerings easily adequate.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	97-100	88-91	54-56
New York	62-66	60-64	38-42
Philadelphia	60-67	59-65	36-40
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	53-62	51-58	28-31
Jackson (1)	72-74	66-68	37-39
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	66-75	61-69	38-46
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	51-55	49-53	30-34
Detroit (2)	48-53	47-51	27-31
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-54	49-52	25-29
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	50-56	27-32
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	71-74	68-70	45-47
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	73-85	71-74	47-50
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	95	84	60
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was mixed with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo and extra large, 1 cent lower on large, and 4 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 40. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets - extra large dozen 99, large dozen 99, medium dozen 2 for 99.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	113
EXTRA LARGE	95
LARGE	84
MEDIUM	60

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:**

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	75-103
EXTRA LARGE	73-85
LARGE	71-74
MEDIUM	47-50

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	239-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199-219
MEDIUM	179-199

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices unchanged.

Trading and demand only fair for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Most buyers not needing additional breaking stock due to reduced holiday schedules and heavy existing floor stocks. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-31	31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	15-20	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices on nest run breaking stock were unchanged to 1 cent lower, but unchanged to slightly higher on checks and undergrades when compared to early week trading. The market tone was cautiously steady. Floor stocks were adequate with offerings of light weight eggs and checks generally more than sufficient for normal to heavy holiday breaking schedules. Demand was moderate but unaggressive for reduced holiday week needs. Cases broken under federal inspection for the week ending 24-August-2002 was 1% higher than last week and a year ago.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	29-33	30-31
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	16-25	17-20.5
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E -23-Aug-02**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,285,319	31,020	11,194	5,905	3,030	4,524
PW	1,296,759	30,330	11,792	5,994	2,943	4,655
LY	1,255,138	28,426	12,541	6,261	2,859	4,484
% CHG PW	-1	2	-5	-1	3	-3
% CHG LY	2	9	-11	-6	6	1
2002	40,812,789	949,729	394,836	211,728	97,367	144,983
2001	38,865,554	882,028	391,802	210,306	84,821	139,211
% CHG YTD	5	8	1	1	15	4

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	40.96	40.69	41.20
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	37.44	37.10	37.63

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 72 to 79 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 16 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady on whole egg and yolk with whites steady. Offerings were generally available with whites in the longest position. Liquid demand for contractual needs moderate, spot interest only fair. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate with breakers running reduced schedules next week. Breaking stock prices ranged lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 30 August, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	16	28-32	29.22	-2.94
WHITES	27	9-16.5	10.30	-1.04
YOLKS	11	75-76.5	75.80	-2.40

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on whites and ranged from unchanged to lower on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone improved at the lower levels but was still in a steady to barely steady position. Trading and demand was only fair. Supplies were irregular but usually available if needed. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending August 24, 2002 were unchanged from the previous week, but 2% lower than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	40-48	42-45	50-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		68-85
WHITES	22-32	22-25	27-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-85		88-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-82	80-81	84-89
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.			

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged 1 to 3 cents lower with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk values ranged 1 to 2 cents lower with salted yolk unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg, barely steady for sugar and salt yolk and generally steady for whites. Demand was fair at best with sellers seriously considering all reasonable bids. Offerings were adequate or available for all frozen products. Inventories were building in most locations. Breaking stock prices were lower when compared to last week.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	41-45	42-45
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	82-86	82-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-83	79-80

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices were 2 cents lower on whole and yolks, unchanged on whites. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 8/24 was 3% more than the previous week. Demand was light to moderate and freezer stocks easily adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT  
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	88-91
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Mostly prices were unchanged on whole and blends, lower on yolk, but unchanged to higher on albumen when compared to last week's trading. The market tone was usually steady on whole, and unsettled on yolks and albumen. Supplies were adequate for needs. Whites were still in the longest position. Trading was moderate to mostly light. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending August 24, 2002 were 3% higher than last week and 6% more than a year ago. The overall total dried egg year to date percent change was 15% higher than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.60-1.95 MOSTLY 1.63-1.75
YOLKS	1.95-2.20 MOSTLY 2.00-2.05
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.65-2.00 MOSTLY 1.70-1.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.25-1.35

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR AUG 23, 2002-AUG 29, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
115.50								64.50							
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW		TOTAL LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	34.00	38.00	35.93	37.06	32.67	35.50	14.00	GNR BR 1	44.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 2	—	35.00	—	—	29.25	31.25	4.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	58.00	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	24.83	3.00	GL W XL	38.33	46.00	—	—	—	46.32	35.25
GNR W 4	—	—	11.00	13.00	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	40.00	42.71	—	—	—	43.91	24.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	47.50	—	1.00	GL W MD	24.03	27.79	—	—	—	30.21	13.25
GL W XL	—	49.71	46.75	48.38	37.62	—	66.75	NRBS - 42	20.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	46.55	32.87	39.38	34.50	NRBS - 36	17.00	19.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W MD	—	23.50	22.56	22.56	23.00	24.76	24.25								
GL W SM	19.81	24.50	17.33	18.83	—	—	5.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	30.00	27.50	31.27	49.50								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	31.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 42	19.50	20.50	—	—	18.83	21.25	10.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.33	18.17	—	20.10	17.75								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**EASTERN LIGHT** Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow and unaggressive for fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as less than normal due to the holiday week. Movement of finished product was moderate with offerings usually sufficient for full needs. The undertone was steady.

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices unchanged. Demand was fair with offerings were adequate to available. Slaughter schedules reduced for next week due to the upcoming Labor Day holiday. Trade sentiment steady.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings from production areas. Finished sales were slow with current schedules easily satisfying needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plant schedules moderate. Offerings ample.

**LIVE TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-02 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	64.23	62.35	39.18
SOUTHERN	64.14	59.86	35.40
MIDWEST	52.55	50.85	28.96
WESTERN	83.79	76.08	52.20
TWELVE METRO AREAS	68.50	64.33	41.15

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were unchanged on light canners but slightly higher on heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Supplies were fully adequate on lights, about adequate to adequate on heavies. Demand was moderate with traders unaggressive for irregular offerings. The undertone on limited trading was at least steady.

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

20-26 MAJORITY 20-21

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**LIGHT CANNER HENS**

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-27.5 MAJORITY 22-22.5

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

29-36 MAJORITY 29-31

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

**HEAVY CANNER HENS**

(WITHOUT NECKS)

30-38 MAJORITY 31-32.5

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 24-Aug-02

(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS

**NOT AVAILABLE**

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
(THOUSANDS)	HENS	HENS	HENS

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 17, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002 2001
Liquid	156	312	11,354 7,183
Frozen	0	0	21 78
Dried	41	0	368 40
Total	197	312	11,743 7,301

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 17, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002 2001
Liquid	68	174	4,137 3,487
Frozen	64	33	2,277 847
Dried	60	0	3,358 375
Total	192	207	9,772 4,709

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending August 17, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002 2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,160 87
Extra Large	18,975	3,390	37,238 37,507
Large	13,850	3,629	89,203 79,623
Medium	7,500	750	37,920 31,228
Ungraded	1,440	8,130	186,935 236,600
Misc	0	3,000	13,482 61,029
Total	41,765	18,899	365,938 446,074

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).**

CENTS PER DOZEN	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	30-33	12-16	5-8

**NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.**

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
117-120	78-81	69-72	35-38	19-22

**DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.**

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-64	48-51	45-50	24-28	22-26

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 08/26/02	2,269	214,970	71,938
AM 08/01/02	2,024	215,685	75,870
CHG	245	-715	-3932
PCT CHG	12%	0%	-5%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 24-Aug-02

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	17.9	20.8	-14	-25
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	0	-10
CHICAGO	38.3	35.3	9	-26
DETROIT	27.6	25.0	10	3
KANSAS CITY	4.2	3.9	8	8
LOS ANGELES	86.4	82.4	5	-10
NEW ORLEANS	8.6	12.5	-31	0
NEW YORK	33.3	31.3	6	-10
ST. LOUIS	15.5	16.6	-7	0
SAN FRANCISCO	22.6	22.3	1	-5
TOTAL	257.9	253.6	2	-11
4 WK MVG AVG	263.1			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 24-Aug-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.2	0	2
E.N. CENTRAL	575.3	4	10
W.N. CENTRAL	280.9	4	2
S. ATLANTIC	175.7	-1	-3
S. CENTRAL	79.3	-1	1
WEST	186.9	2	-5
TOTAL	1518.3	2	3

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 87 86

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, AUGUST 27, 2002. PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	112	103	68	52
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	106-110	97-101	61-65	45-49
MOSTLY	108-109	99-100	63-64	47-48
RHODE ISLAND	111-115	102-106	67-71	51-55
MOSTLY	111	102	67	51
VERMONT	115-119	105-110	73	-
MOSTLY	119	110	-	-

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